PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f
/b/	b	/n/	n	/s/	s
/t/	t	/ŋ/	ŋ	/θ/	th
/d/	d			/r/	r
/k/	k			/l/	l
/gb/	gb			/h/	h
				/w/	w
				/y/	y
/i/	i			/u/	u
/e/	e	/ʌ/	ʌ	/o/	o
/ɛ/	ɛ	/ə/	ə	/ɔ/	ɔ
		/a/	a		

Tones:

high	ˊ
low	ˋ
falling	ˆ
rising	ˇ

EXAMPLES

a	alangba	young men
ʌ	ʌnʌthi	rice pudding
b	bep	spoon
d	dis	yesterday
e	kel	brightly
ɛ	ɛmɛs	eggs
ə	kəl	round
f	fɔf	to speak
gb	gbɛngbɛ	pepper
h	hakɛ	sin
i	di	to eat
k	kek	beard
l	lɔli	ripe
m	mɛm	to try
n	nɛnɛ	cockroach
ŋ	ŋaŋ	to bite
o	roto	toad
ɔ	nɔkɔ	dirt
p	pɔl	January
r	ret	sun, day
s	sas	three
t	tot	fly
th	thith	to choose
u	yufu	owl
w	wɔl	February
y	yanɛ	to wash hands

ALPHABET

a ʌ b d e ɛ ə f gb h i k l m n ŋ o ɔ p r s t th u w y

number of graphemes 20

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